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In re Application of : DECISION ON
Li et al :
Application No.: 10/525,441 :
PCT No.: PCT/US03/14609 :
Int. Filing Date: 12 May 2003 :
Priority Date: 17 May 2002 : PETITION UNDER
Attorney's Docket No.: 08702.0110-00000 :
For: INJECTABLE SOLID HYALURONIC ACID :
CARRIERS FOR DELIVERY OF OSTEOGENIC :
PROTEINS : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," filed on 22 February 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 12 May 2003, this international application was filed, claiming an earliest priority date of 17 May 2002.

This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on 17 November 2004 for failure to pay the required basic national fee.

On 22 February 2005, applicants filed the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and Transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by the basic national fee, an executed declaration and the petition fee.

DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

Petitioner has provided: (1) the proper reply by submitting the basic national filing fee, (2) the petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) and (3) the proper statement under 137(b)(3). In this application, no terminal disclaimer is required.

Accordingly, the petition is deemed to satisfy requirements (1), (2), (3), and (4) under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing. The 35 USC 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of this application is **22 February 2005**.


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